

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF STEEL BY SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of steel by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during 2002-2003;
- (b) whether burden of loans of the SAIL has decreased during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total loans burden of the SAIL as on March 31, 2003;
- (e) the steps being taken to reduce the same; and
- (f) by when it is likely to be paid?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

- (a) The total saleable steel production by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during 2002-03 was 10.35 million tonnes.
- (b)to(d): Yes, Sir. As on 31.03.2002, the total outstanding borrowings were Rs.14012 crs, which was reduced to about Rs.13300 crs. as on 31.03.2003.
- (e) SAIL has been taking steps on continuous basis to reduce outstanding loans which include:
 - Business restructuring envisaging divestment of non-core assets
 - Intensive cost control
 - Control on capital expenditure
 - Market oriented product-mix, reinforcing sales and marketing efforts, resulting in better sales realization.
 - Prudent funds Management.
 - Timely repayment of loans.
 - Replacing high cost loans with low cost ones.
- (f) Borrowings of SAIL consist of various components like Working Capital Loans from Banks, Bonds, Term Loans, Foreign Loans, Public Deposits, SDF Loans, Housing Loans etc. which have different maturity / repayment dates and this is an ongoing process in a dynamic organisation.